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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: Weak ridge over our area.

	Yesterday's	Today's	Forecast
Jerusalem	43-53	43-53	43-53
Golan	38-48	38-48	38-48
Nahariya	31-41	31-41	31-41
Safed	24-34	24-34	24-34
Haifa	28-38	28-38	28-38
Tiberias	21-31	21-31	21-31
Nazareth	24-34	24-34	24-34
Afula	28-38	28-38	28-38
Shomron	31-41	31-41	31-41
Tel Aviv	43-53	43-53	43-53
Lod	38-48	38-48	38-48
Jericho	31-41	31-41	31-41
Gaza	28-38	28-38	28-38
Beersheba	31-41	31-41	31-41
Eilat	30-40	30-40	30-40
Tiran	30-40	30-40	30-40

Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday entertained at the Knesset 200 bereaved parents of the Yaf Labanin organization, who toured the Capital in a programme organized as part of the State's 25th anniversary celebrations.

MARRIAGE
SHOHAM-BEDLICH — Rajah, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Avigdor Shoham, and Uri, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Redlich, in New York, February 23, 1973.

ARRIVALS
Mr. Moshe Kishit, general manager of Elia, from a business trip to several European countries (by El Al).
René Forchhammer, manager of Swissair's International Religious and Group Travel Dept., from Zurich, for a two-week fact-finding tour.

DEPARTURES
Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Naron, on a mission for the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, to several European countries (by El Al).
Col. Andre Le Marre, at the head of 120 French World War II veterans and members of the French Paratroopers' Organization, after a week's visit in Israel.
Prof. Benjamin Aklat, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for Europe, to lecture and participate in scientific conferences.

One year for 'borrowing' car, letting it burn

ASHKELON — A 21-year-old local man who stole a car to take a joy-ride, and then abandoned it after it caught fire, was sentenced here on Friday to a year in jail. His driving licence was revoked for five years.

A police prosecutor told Magistrate's Court Judge Gilad Gladi that the defendant, Michael Sharvit, had "borrowed" the Susseis of Gideon Azaria here last August. Together with a 16-year-old youth, he drove around the countryside. At Kiryat Malachi the car caught fire as a result of a petrol leak. The two men abandoned the blazing car without trying to put it out or summon help.

Sharvit, who had 14 previous convictions for theft, burglaries, drug use and car thefts, had a previous six-month suspended sentence activated. It will run concurrently.

The 16-year-old youth was placed under the supervision of a probation officer for the next two years.

FOUR FOOD RETAILERS in Tel Aviv were closed down yesterday for sanitary violations. The four, who have 30 days to clean up, are: a bakery at 27 Rehov Hahayush, a cafe and bakery at 7 Rehov Hagallil, and a restaurant next door at 5 Rehov Hagallil.

35% average increase Engineers' strike off; Meshel plan accepted

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Today's threatened strike by the country's 30,000 engineers and technicians has been postponed indefinitely: their union leaders yesterday accepted a new wage scale proposed by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel.

But the union leaders stressed they were not cancelling the strike threat, since there was still several points — apart from wages — to be settled with the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Meshel's proposal — which still requires Treasury approval — conforms to the 35 per cent ceiling laid down by the Treasury as a pay rise. It offers an average basic-wage increase of 18 per cent, plus 10.5 per cent for cost-of-living allowance, four per cent for "wage creep" and 2.5 per cent for certain fringe benefits.

Under Mr. Meshel's scheme, the present 10 grades will be replaced with nine, with basic wages ranging from IL600 at the bottom to IL1,670 in the top grade. (The present scale ranges from IL520 to IL1,207.)

The new schedule should be operative from April 1. A five per cent smaller rise is authorized retroactively for the last fiscal year.

The new increase is not an even 18 per cent across the board but is higher in the top grades and lower at the bottom, according to the Civil Service Commission. This is to the engineers' liking, since no one works in the three lowest grades.

The engineers' original demand had been for a top IL2,200 a month

base wage, which they later modified to IL1,900. Mr. Meshel's top figure is IL1,670, but he says he will rule next year whether a 10th grade should be added at the top.

Mr. Meshel told reporters yesterday he believed the 35 per cent framework — which includes the cost-of-living allowance — conforms to the general trend of wage increases and should not set off a new set of wage demands in other professions.

Civil Service Commission officials concur, at least as far as the Civil Servants' Union is concerned. The complaint that a director-general would earn less than the chief engineer at his ministry is no longer relevant, since under the Meshel scale the engineers forfeit overtime pay, Mr. Meshel's spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Other aspects of the Meshel plan:

- Starting engineers will get automatic promotion from grade one to two within two years. Mr. Meshel has promised to rule within three months whether there will be automatic promotion to grade three as well.
- Technicians, generally, will be graded one step lower than engineers.
- Employees who should have risen half a grade in 1973 according to the old agreement will be proportionally compensated in the new system.
- Anyone remaining in the same grade for over three years will get 70 per cent of the wage equivalent of the next grade.

Slowdown may create shortage of margarine

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Margarine may be in short supply unless workers at Telma-Blue Band end their two-week-old slowdown, the company told the Regional Labour Court here yesterday in applying for an "anti-slowdown" injunction.

The application, which the court will deal with today, also names the Haifa Labour Council. Yesterday the Council said the workers had rejected its appeal to drop their sanctions and let the Histadrut look into their claims. The margarine workers have reportedly cut their demands down to having the company pay their National Insurance premiums.

Strike threat by marine officers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Wage talks between the newly formed Merchant Marine Officers' Union and the shipping companies ran aground yesterday after the shippers rejected the union's demand for a IL1,000 monthly wage increase for first officers and a proportionate rise for officers in other grades. First officers now get IL2,000 a month, not including fringe benefits.

The shippers countered with an offer of a 20 per cent increase. This was in turn rejected by the union which threatened to "take action" if their demand is not met quickly.

Eight more Golan Druse spy suspects

KIRYAT SEHMONA — Eight more Golan Druse were arrested yesterday on suspicion of belonging to a Syrian-organized spying and sabotage ring.

The arrests of the men, from Majdal Shams and Bukaita villages, brings the total number of Golan Druse held in connection with the alleged ring to 42. More arrests are expected. (T/m)

Last-minute bid to avert strike of academics

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Representatives of 10,000 academics were closeted with Government officials late last night at Histadrut headquarters here in a last-minute try at heading off this morning's scheduled strike of the Union of Graduates in the Sciences and Humanities.

From the friendly atmosphere of the talks, held in the offices of Histadrut Trade Union Department chief Uriel Abrahamowicz, observers did not expect the academics to carry out their strike threat.

During the talks Civil Service Commissioner Ya'acov Nitzan and Treasury wage desk chief Ephraim Jermans told the Union leadership the Government could only offer the academics the same overall 35 per cent increase they were authorized to give the engineers. The academics had been promised six weeks ago by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir that their new wage schedule would be linked to that being prepared for the engineers by Histadrut Deputy Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel.

However, Graduates Union head Mordechai Gani maintained that the academics had 20 specific wage demands which the Meshel proposal did not cover. He noted, for example, the problems of degree-holding employees transferred from the Unified Pay Scale to the special scale for academics. In addition, the Meshel proposal provides little wage rise in the lowest grades, where there are many academics but few engineers.

Amisragas staff strikes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — All 420 employees of Amisragas went out on a wildcat strike yesterday to press their demands for a 40 per cent pay increase. No gas was delivered yesterday — and none will be delivered until the strike ends, it was announced.

Amisragas serves 300,000 families.

A spokesman for the company said yesterday that the strike was declared without giving the legal two weeks' warning. Moreover, it did not have the support of the Histadrut.

The strikers have been asked to appear before the Regional Labour Court tomorrow.



Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Denmark's Transport Minister Jens Kampmann seen as they sat last night to discuss the agreement they just signed outlining a programme of co-operation between their two countries to further transport research and development. Both countries will exchange data, statistics and experts to resolve problems of mutual interest. The memorandum agreement was signed at the Accadia Hotel in Herzliya. The 37-year-old Danish minister is the son of Denmark's former Premier Viggo Kampmann, known as a staunch friend of Israel. (Israel Sun)

Allon: Imposed peace would lead to new war

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon said last night that the idea of an imposed peace must be abandoned because it would only lead to another war. He expressed the hope that Washington would not miss the present opportunity for peace in the Middle East by adopting an "unrealistic approach."

He was speaking on the eve of Prime Minister Golda Meir's visit to the U.S. at a farewell dinner at the Knesset for the 350 members of a Keren Hayesod mission.

Mr. Allon stated categorically that there is no military solution to the Israel-Arab problem, since neither side can impose peace by force. He said the U.S. is doing

much by offering its good offices to get both parties to talk, but added that Cairo should realize that it cannot mobilize world pressure to make Israel agree to unacceptable terms.

We have a long list of compromises to offer the Arabs, and it is high time they realized that past hatreds can be forgotten, Mr. Allon said.

Keren Hayesod Director-General S. J. Kreutner announced that the departing mission, the largest ever, pledged a total of over \$6m. during its visit. This was the biggest single contribution of any previous mission, he said. The mission represented Jewish communities in 10 countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Kreutner said individual mission members had made increases in their 1973 contributions over 1972 ranging from 45 to 120 per cent. The goal of the 1973 Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal campaign, which operates in 69 countries, excluding the U.S., is to raise a total of \$157m. Last year \$106m. was raised world-wide, almost half by the 10 countries in the present mission.

'Nothing secret' about wages in Comptroller's Office

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
There was nothing secret about the wage rise given to the State Comptroller's staff, according to a statement from his office issued yesterday.

(They have been granted IL100-IL160 a month over and above what other civil servants are going to receive after current negotiations are concluded. This information was not generally known, until it was leaked to a newspaper earlier this month.)

The spokesman of the State Comptroller's Office reports that the wage negotiations were held with an ad hoc committee on the workers' side, nominated by Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department. It was made up of the Civil Servants' Union, the Professional Workers' Union, the Lawyers' Union and representatives of the Tel Aviv Labour Council and the works committee in the Comptroller's Office.

The final wage agreement was approved by the Knesset Finance Committee and signed by the Civil Servants' Union and the Professional Workers' Union, as well as by the works committee.

Wage benefits are retroactive to September 22, 1971, the date when the Public Complaints Bureau (the Ombudsman) was installed as an extra function of the Comptroller's Office.

Staff members won first rights to jobs in the Ombudsman's department — though the State Comptroller retains the privilege of fixing the qualifications required for each post.

The spokesman stressed that employees of the Office are subject to regulations concerning "moonlighting" and employment after leaving the service more stringent than those which apply to other officials in the Government's employ.

T.A. to expand its only old-age home

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv's sole municipal home for the aged will be expanded, the City spokesman announced yesterday. But this won't go very far in solving the growing problem of the homeless aged. The present old-age home, in the Givat Hashlosha area of Petah Tikva, has 440 beds. Plans are to increase the capacity by 120.

Work on the expansion has already started, but the City says the increase is inadequate and will not solve the growing need for old-age homes here. Of this institution's 440 places, 250 are reserved for the bedridden, and 80 more for home residents who are under nursing care. The City would like to see the chronically ill transferred to the care of the Ministry of Health so as to make more places available for senior citizens who are healthy but have no place to live.

The City points out that Tel Aviv's population is getting older and that the number of the needy among the elderly is high. They are often not cared for by their next of kin and find it hard to subsist on their tiny National Insurance pensions. Most of these people cannot meet the costs of "golden age homes," and even if they could there is very little place available. They apply for admission to the municipal old-age home, but they have to be turned down for lack of space.

U.K. pilots may demand boycott IATA calls for int'l probe of Sinai crash

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
The director-general of the International Air Travel Association (IATA) yesterday called for an international investigation into the shooting down of the Libyan airliner over Sinai last week.

The IATA chief, Knut Hammar-skjoeld, made the proposal in a message to the president of El Al, Mordechai Ben-Ari, in which he expressed concern and regret over the disaster.

Mr. Hammar-skjoeld urged "a mutual, international investigating committee" to review the technical and operational circumstances that led to the "horrible" incident, and to assure adequate procedures to prevent their recurrence. IATA would welcome practical and realistic proposals by governments — which, he said, are exclusively competent in the matter — "to establish the unbiased facts" in the shooting down of the Libyan plane. One hundred and six persons died in the crash.

He added that IATA would assign a technical expert to participate in such an investigation.

LONDON MEETING

Meanwhile, the heads of the Israel Pilots Association, Yitzhak Shaked and Shimon Ash, are to attend an urgent meeting in London today of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Association (IFALPA). The meeting has been called in connection with last Wednesday's incident, and the Israeli delegates are to present all the evidence available in Israel, including the records of the two "black boxes" recovered from the wreckage.

The decision to attend the London conference was taken following a 45-minute meeting yesterday morning with the head of IFALPA, Ole Foerberg, who arrived in Lod at the controls of a Finnair airliner. The two Israeli pilots briefed Mr. Foerberg on all the known facts of the plane incident, and were in turn informed about today's meeting in

London. The IFALPA chief did attempt to ascertain the blame for the downing of the plane, but pressed regret over the absence of communications between the governments concerned which resulted in the disaster.

It is understood that British pilots may today propose to the IATA meeting a boycott of flights to Israel.

El Al yesterday reported a 3 per cent increase in bookings at the airline's office in New York. As a result, the company's spokesman said it is certain that the number of New York-Lod tickets sold this month will be above the figure in February last year. The spokesman also said that there were no above-normal cancellations of tickets on flights from Israel, and the complete planes were leaving with a "respectable" load factor.

SPURT IN BOOKINGS

He denied that the increased bookings reported from New York were temporary phenomena arising in the three-day suspension of flights last week as a result of the shooting down of the plane. But the spokesman admitted that no long-range conclusions can be drawn from the increased demand.

It is recalled that there was similar immediate boost following the Lod massacre by Japanese terrorists last May. But business subsequently dropped below the preceding year's level.

In a cable to the president of the International Transport Workers Federation, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon rejected the protest the IITF had sent Prime Minister Golda Meir "on behalf of the exact chain of events was made clear." He was "very surprised," Mr. Ben-Aharon said, that the IITF secretariat jumped to conclusions without asking for details of the incident.

Mr. Ben-Aharon eulogized the victims of the plane crash at the opening of the Histadrut Executive meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Six Libyan jet victims better, one man worse

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA — The condition of the still-identified victim of the Libyan plane crash worsened yesterday, and doctors said they feared for his life. The other six patients yesterday continued to improve.

The wife, 12-year-old son, and eight other relatives of Jaffa-born Abdullah el-Khalil, now a Jordanian subject, arrived from Amman yesterday. They received special permission to remain in Beersheba as long as Mr. el-Khalil is hospitalized there.

Hospital workers said his morale visibly improved when he saw his wife and family approach his bed. The wives of the Libyan jet's French steward, Jean-Pierre Burdial, and of Libyan co-pilot Yunis el-Mehdi, who arrived last week, spent most of the day yesterday by their husbands' bedsides.

The director of the Soroka Medical Centre here, Dr. Yosef Stern, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that every day that passed without new complications increased the patients' chances of recovery.

Relative held in Galilee murder

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE — The police yesterday reported they were holding a suspect in the murder of Mrs. Souad Assadi, 20, found beheaded in her Dir el Assad home on February 4 with her seven-month-old baby in her arms. Rav-Pakad Pesach Perlman, Chief of the CID, said his men had arrested Mabel Assadi, 19, a distant relative of the woman from the same village. Assadi's uncle was the murdered woman's husband, and police believe the killing involved the family honour.

Cabinet communique on plane

This is the official communique issued by the Government Press Office after the weekly Cabinet session:

The Government heard a supplementary report from the Chief of the General Staff on the findings of the investigation into the circumstances of the interception of the Libyan plane, and on the authorizing operational decision which was taken. The Government took note of this report.

The Government expresses its profound sorrow of Israel over the death of the passengers of the Libyan plane who died in the terrible disaster which occurred under circumstances of belligerency and incessant threats of acts of terrorism from the Arab.

The Government determines that the Israel Air Force acted in strict compliance with international law which applies to civil aviation in the air space over military deployment dividing states that are in a state of belligerency, and in accordance with our notifications on closure of this military area that were distributed previously to all states. The Israel Air Force took maximum warning measures for the purpose of bringing about the landing of the plane which penetrated the air space of the sensitive military area in Sinai, but unfortunately these warnings failed to achieve their purpose and the pilot did not effect the landing of his plane as required.

The Government will enable international factors competent to do so to obtain the information available to Israel concerning the interception of the plane.

In deference to humanitarian considerations, the Government resolves its readiness to effect ex-gratis payments to the families of the victims. The Minister of Defence will make a statement to the Knesset on the circumstances of the disaster and on the findings of the investigation.

HYMAN ZIMAK
of New York
has died.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 1973 at 11 a.m., at the Herzliya Cemetery.

Rena Zimak
Danny and Rachel Zimak
Ralph Zimak
Zilly and Julius Lehman and family
Bernard Zilberman and family
Devorah Cohen

Our dear
DANIEL HOFMEKLER
has died.

The funeral will take place on Monday, February 26, 1972 at 3.00 p.m., leaving from Ichilov Hospital, 5 Rehov Daphna, for the Holon Cemetery.

THE FAMILY

THE MUSICIANS AND STAFF OF
THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
mourn the death of
DANIEL HOFMEKLER
former member of the Orchestra for many years

The Management and Staff
of the First International Bank of Israel Ltd.
extend condolences to the family
on the death of their former colleague
HANS EPSTEIN

THE JERUSALEM POST

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Judith Rosslyn & David
daughter of
Councillor and Mrs.
Norman Benjamin
of Cape Town

son of
Bracha and the late Rabbi
Israel Malka

The marriage took place in Netanya on Sunday, February 25, 1973.

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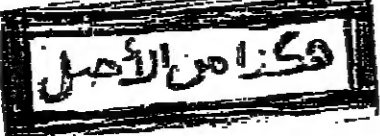
We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our regret to those who, because of lack of time or the limited space available, could not be invited, or were overlooked.

Heartiest Congratulations
To Mr. Samuel (Sam) Federmann

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Dan Caesarea Golf Hotel



Vered admits most charges in Arab-Jewish spy trial

YAA'COOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An alleged Jewish spy, Dan Vered, yesterday admitted nearly all the charges against him, including espionage and receiving sabotage information.

The Tel Aviv mathematician, who is the co-defendant in the trial's first session, said he had gone through the charges and admitted that he had passed on information to the enemy.

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'Lebanese keep terrorists from crossing border'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Lebanese army has recently foiled several attempts by terrorist organizations to penetrate into Israel across Lebanon's southern border, Beirut's "Al-Moharrir" newspaper reported yesterday.

The pro-Egyptian paper, known for its close ties with the sabotage movement, said a terrorist unit was arrested over the weekend by Lebanese security forces while attempting to cross the border in the vicinity of Kiryat Shmona. The paper added that the Lebanese had forced the terrorists to keep away from the frontier areas.

The report in "Al-Moharrir" coincided with a flurry of communications by the terrorists claiming they had carried out a series of operations against Israeli positions in the Golan Heights and settlements neighbouring the Lebanese border. The terrorists said that these "operations" came to "avenge" Israel's shooting down of the Libyan aircraft over Sinai last Wednesday.

Contrary to previous cases, none of the terrorist claims this time were broadcast by any official Arab radio.

Several bazooka shells were fired at an Israeli patrol near the Lebanese border on Friday night. There were no casualties, and no damage was caused.

The incident occurred in the Mount Amiran region, near Moshav Netua. Fire was returned. This is the first time in over three months that there has been any terrorist activity along the Lebanese border. Sources said the shots might have been fired in "retaliation" for the Israeli raid on terrorist bases deep inside Lebanon last Wednesday. They did not feel the incident was indicative of renewed terrorist activity along the front.

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Housekeeper has no rights to Bialik home

TEL AVIV. — The elderly woman

who cared for the late Manya Bialik, widow of Hebrew national poet Chaim Nachman Bialik, has been ordered to vacate Mrs. Bialik's apartment in Rehov Melchett here.

The woman, Miriam Wagner, had refused to leave the apartment since her employer's death last September, claiming she had protected tenant status and demanding IL55,000 in compensation. Magistrates' Court Judge Boris Rapoport yesterday dismissed both claims as a nuisance, calling their motive "transparent."

The request for the eviction order was brought by Mrs. Bialik's executors, who showed the court a will leaving the apartment to Bialik House, to be used by Beit Ha'Sha. Wagner also showed an agreement Mrs. Wagner had signed, stating she would leave at the end of her term of employment.

The executors agreed to pay Mrs. Wagner IL3,500 in compensation, plus an additional grant of IL1,000. Accepting this, Judge Rapoport ruled that if Mrs. Wagner fails to vacate the apartment within 30 days the estate will not have to pay the IL1,000 grant. (Jtm)

Man guilty in road death caused by son

AFULA. — A man whose 16-year-old son was involved in a fatal road

accident after taking the family car without permission was held responsible by a magistrate here yesterday for the victim's death. Haim Kaufman, the 52-year-old father, from Beit Lehem Hagilfit was fined IL5,000, given a three-month suspended sentence and had his driver's licence suspended for three months.

The son, Yitzhak, now 18, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, fined IL3,000 and barred from driving for the next 10 years. He was convicted of causing death, driving without a licence, using a vehicle without the owner's permission, and driving without insurance.

The incident occurred in November 1970, when Mr. Kaufman inadvertently left his keys in the ignition of the car, which was parked outside his home. Yitzhak, whose father had occasionally let him drive the car within the village, took off for a joyride with some of his friends.

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A tow truck operator chains his steering wheel in a Tel Aviv parking lot yesterday which was filled with idle tow trucks because of the strike.

Tow truckers strike; rap new police policy

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 300 tow truck operators throughout the country went on strike yesterday claiming the police had granted a monopoly for towing cars wrecked in road accidents to one company — the Magor towing and road service.

The tow truck operators, who are members of the Israel Garage Association (I.G.A.), say Magor — which is not a member of the I.G.A. — does not have enough trucks to cope with the work. Some 30 vehicles have to be towed daily because of accidents, and Magor has only two tow trucks, I.G.A. officials say.

Police spokesman Nitzav-Mishne Michael Bochner told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that — in the public interest — the police had decided to issue a tender for the work. Magor submitted the lowest bid, he said; but "the contract will be cancelled if they can't do the job."

Mr. Bochner pointed out that Shengar, I.G.A.'s subscription road service (whose clientele are guaranteed towing services for an annual fee), had applied for two orders in the High Court of Justice. The Court turned them down.

"By striking, the operators are trying to impose their will on the public and defy the High Court's ruling," the police spokesman said. A somewhat different version of the court ruling was given at an I.G.A. press conference here yesterday by the Association's attorney.

The Court recognized the right of the police to call whichever towing company it wished — in case the car owner involved refuses to have his car towed, or if he is incapacitated. But he claimed the Court upheld the right of any car owner to choose his own towing service.

The problem is, Mr. Kozlovsky said, that most drivers simply ask the policeman at the scene of the accident to call a tow truck for them. The I.G.A. fears the police will now automatically call Magor. Until now the police and I.G.A. operated under an agreement whereby all member-towers were available on a round-the-clock duty roster basis.

Meanwhile, Haim Nikritin, chairman of Shengar, said the I.G.A. was considering closing down all its member-garages in the country if the towers' strike proves ineffective.

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Meir heads gathering at Herzog memorial

Jerusalem Post Staff

Scores of friends and colleagues

of the late Ya'acov Herzog, led by Prime Minister Golda Meir, gathered yesterday afternoon at the graveside at the Sanhedria cemetery to mark the first anniversary of the death of the former Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and political adviser to Israel's four Prime Ministers.

Speaking on behalf of the Government, Transport Minister Shimon Peres (who was closely associated with Ya'acov Herzog from the days of the 1956 Sinai campaign) noted that Herzog had believed wholeheartedly in Israel's historic role and in the need for political activism to fulfill that role.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren spoke of Ya'acov Herzog, the rabbinical scholar and statesman, who was behind many fateful decisions, always modestly staying out of the limelight.

Those who attended the memorial gathering included Cabinet Ministers, the Directors-General of the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry, the Attorney-General, the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Owen

Zurhellen; the former Chief Rabbi Untermyan and Nissim; the Civil Service Commissioner; and dozens of senior Government officials.

Herzog's brother, Haim Herzog, recited the *kaddish*, prayer for the dead.

Earlier in the day, five memorial scholarships were awarded at Jerusalem's Van Leer Institute. The scholarships were for research in fields in which Herzog had excelled — Jewish and general law, Jewish philosophy and international relations.

The winners, all post-graduate students, were Yisrael Ta-Shma — Talmud, Bar-Ilan; Eliaz Shochetman — Jewish law, The Hebrew University; Rador Manor — international relations, The Hebrew University; Amos Goldreich — Jewish philosophy, Tel Aviv University; Rabbi Shalom Schwartz — halachic research, Hacham Yisroel, Tora Research Institute.

The scholarships are to be awarded annually.

The *Yeshiva* in the Etzion Bloc announced yesterday that it was naming its Institute for Higher Theological and Academic Studies in Herzog's memory.

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Rishon Mayor says he'll sue TV for 'libellous' programme

RISHON LEZION. — The city of

Rishon LeZion will sue Israel Television for libel for "libelling" the town in a programme screened last Friday, Mayor Hanania Givstein announced yesterday.

The Mayor said the programme, written by Shlomo Arad, set out to expose "illegal construction" in the town, but failed to give a single example. (The show interviewed local residents who complained that they now need "chimneys to breathe through and periscopes to see the sky.")

The Mayor said Mr. Arad had been invited freely to interview the City Engineer and other officials, but failed to include a single positive thing in his TV report. "Instead he distorted facts,

look things out of context and depicted me as being more concerned with the interests of building contractors and speculators than with the public," Mr. Givstein said. The Mayor said all construction in the city was approved only after outside governmental bodies — such as the District Planning Commission — approved the plans. The city vigorously prosecuted violators of building ordinances, the Mayor claimed.

The Broadcasting Authority spokesman, Ari Avner, told Rm afterwards that the Authority would reply to the libel suit through the proper channels — if it is filed. But he added "we welcome public comment and discussion on and of our programmes." (Jtm)

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Hanoi truce teams attacked by mobs

SAIGON. — The Communist side failed yesterday to hand over to the U.S. a list of the next group of American prisoners scheduled for release this week in North and South Vietnam, or to fix a specific day, time and place, U.S. spokesmen said.

There was no official reason given. But the Communist side was embittered by rock-throwing, banner-waving, shouting mobs of South Vietnamese numbering in the hundreds who attacked North Vietnamese compounds in the northern cities of Hue and Da Nang in demonstrations that apparently were sanctioned tacitly by the Saigon government but got out of hand.

Seven North Vietnamese representatives of the four-party Joint Military Commission and two South Vietnamese policemen were reported injured. The chief spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation, Bui Tin, said four of the Communist delegates were seriously wounded in the Hue demonstration.

In Da Nang, two North Vietnamese delegates and a South Vietnamese policeman were injured, none of them seriously, U.S. sources reported. The Communist representatives took cover in their buildings. There was no damage reported to the buildings in Da Nang.

The demonstrators waved banners and shouted anti-Communist slogans such as "Down with Communists" and "North Vietnamese and Vietcong go home."

The representatives of South Vietnam and the U.S. met with officials of North Vietnam and the Vietcong for two hours yesterday but did not reach an agreement on the further exchange of prisoners of war.

Under the timetable outlined by

Henry Kissinger when he explained the cease-fire agreement last month, prisoners were to be freed at 15-day intervals after the truce, which began on January 28. The first prisoners were freed 15 days after that.

Heavy fighting continued in South Vietnam's Central Highlands for the third day, a Government military spokesman said. Cease-fire violations in the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday edged upward over the previous 24 hours—124 violations compared to 112. In them 171 Communists, 37 government soldiers and 14 civilians died, spokesmen said. Four civilians and 61 government soldiers were listed as wounded.

The fighting was in the Ha Lan pass area along Highway 14 in the Central Highlands, about 280 kms. northeast of Saigon, military sources said. A number of hamlets in that area of Darlac province are still occupied by the Communists. Of 350 hamlets throughout the country penetrated since the cease-fire, seven are still occupied by the Communists. Six of those are in the Central Highlands.

Radio Hanoi yesterday accused the U.S. of stalling in removing mines from North Vietnamese waters. The broadcast also accused the U.S. of providing insufficient details to truce inspectors to determine whether it is meeting its troop withdrawal pledges.

Radio Hanoi branded "unacceptable" the handing over of American military bases to South Vietnamese forces just ahead of the cease-fire. The truce agreement calls for dismantling or rendering militarily useless all American bases and equipment remaining in South Vietnam at the time of the cease-fire.

(AP, UPI)

Cambodian unit defects to Communists

PHNOM PENH (AP). — A battalion of government troops garrisoned at the besieged Cambodian district town of Tram Khmar defected to the Khmer Communists several days before they attacked the outpost last Tuesday, soldiers in the field said yesterday.

It was the first report of defection on such a scale in Cambodia's three-year-old war.

The soldiers said the battalion, composed mostly of South Vietnamese born and trained Khmer Krom, was bitter about the army's failure to pay it for the last four months and now was fighting alongside Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

"We saw them waving their hands to us and we recognized them very well," said one Government soldier on the front line south of Phnom Penh on Highway 3. "We captured several of them. They told us their morale was very low."

The battalion's defection was the latest episode in a series of soldiers' protests in many parts of Cambodia over lack of pay and insufficient food and clothing, coupled with a 20 to 30 per cent rise in commodity prices.

On February 17, the highly regarded first shock battalion drove into Phnom Penh and staged a sit-down strike fully armed with rifles and bazookas at the main gate of the presidential palace to protest, they said, going three months without pay.

The fighting at Tram Khmar, 43 kms. south of Phnom Penh, continued on Saturday, with the Communists controlling a 6 km. stretch of Highway 3.

Two outposts north of the town reportedly have been lost since fighting began on Tuesday.



Singer Diahann Carroll poses with her husband of two days, Frederick Glasman, on Saturday, whom she met while buying a bathing suit coverup at his dress shop in Las Vegas. They were married at his home in Las Vegas. (AP radiophoto)

'Syria blames other Arab states for Hama riots'

BEIRUT (AP). — Syria is blaming other Arab countries for last week's riots in the northern town of Hama, in which about 60 people were killed or wounded, "An Nahar" newspaper said yesterday.

An official announcement will be made in Damascus in the next few days "and this will have important effects on the current relations and alliances between some Arab countries," the newspaper said.

"Al Hayat" newspaper said the Syrian authorities were rounding up members of the Nasserite and Socialist-Unionist movements as well as some Moslem Shakhis who have been accused of instigating the riots. "Many of them have escaped via Beirut to Libya and Iraq," the newspaper said.

The riots were in protest against the omission from the new Syrian constitution of a clause stating that Islam is the religion of the state.

The rioters, mostly Sunni Moslems, were also ailing resentment against the fact that President Hafiz Assad belongs to the minority Alawi Moslem sect, "An Nahar" said.



Conscientious objector Aldo Briganti, of Parma, has one arm chained as he writes protest slogan against Italian Army. Slogans at left reads, "Free the objectors, jail the generals." He was arrested over the weekend on charges of contempt of the Italian Army. (AP radiophoto)

World's largest dry dock to be built in Dubai

NEW YORK (UPI). — Construction on the world's largest dry dock will begin this year in the Sheikdom of Dubai on the Persian Gulf.

Dr. John McMullen, head of John J. McMullen Associates, Inc., naval architects and transportation consultants and marine engineers, said the dock would be built and managed by Americans and financed by British and Central European interests.

The facility would assure uninterrupted transportation of oil from the Middle East to the industrial areas of Europe, Japan and the U.S., he said. It will cost \$152m.

He said the facility, to be built and managed by McMullen Associates, would be completed within three years and then service at least half the tanker fleet shuttling between the Persian Gulf and the world's industrial areas.

Major CIA shake-up ordered

NEW YORK (AP). — The new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, acting on orders from President Nixon, is making major changes in the CIA's hierarchy according to the "New York Times" and the "Daily News."

Washington sources said CIA director James Schlesinger is attempting to trim bureaucracy, a four key officials already have been singled out for early retirement, papers said on Saturday.

Schlesinger replaced Richard Helms, who was named ambassador to Iran.

Both newspapers identified two others who are leaving as Thomas Karamessines, director of clandestine services, and Laurence Houston, agency's general counsel.

Also leaving "The Times" said are Bronson Tweedy, former deputy to Helms, and Thomas Parrott, a deputy to Tweedy. The "News" said only that "two aides close to Helms were leaving."

As head of the Agency's clandestine services, Karamessines is responsible for dealing with espionage activities and secret intelligence operations.

Houston, the general counsel, has been involved in a number of highly publicized disputes, including a successful attempt to suppress a book written by former CIA official Victor Marchetti.

Tweedy was a former deputy to Helms and served as director of the Agency's national evaluation and key intra-governmental intelligence review board. Parrott worked at the CIA headquarters.

The "Times" said the four may have been told to retire within weeks although none has reached the Agency's mandatory retirement age of 60.

One source said the issue behind the dismissals was growing White House disenchantment with the Agency's failure under Helms to monitor and supervise spending policy, the "Times" said.

White House sources would comment on the shake-up. "News" reported, other than saying that President Nixon "placed restrictions on Schlesinger. He told him to go in and run the place. There has been a whole handful of resignations."

U.S. agents collaborated with Ho Chi Minh against Japanese

WASHINGTON (AP). — Just released government documents reveal the close collaboration between U.S. intelligence officers and Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam guerrillas against the Japanese during the closing days of World War II.

The documents, describing training and joint military operations of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services' "deer mission" with Ho's forces in July, August and September, 1945, were made public on Saturday by the Senate foreign relations committee after being declassified.

They deal with the OSS team parachuting into the North Vietnamese jungle with instructions to link up with Ho's forces to liberate Japanese lines of communications and work with guerrilla forces near Hanoi.

The documents show the strongly sympathetic attitude of the Americans toward Ho and his Vietnam movement. They describe Ho's intensely expressed hopes that his American allies would help stave off French colonial re-occupation of Vietnam.

In a report, Maj. Allison King, the Deer Mission's commander, advised his superiors: "Forget the Communist bogey (sic), VML (the Vietnam League) is not Communist."

Stands for freedom and reforms from French harshness... If France go part way with them, they might work with French."

In a later evaluation, a report to OSS described Ho as "a brilliant and capable man, completely sincere in his opinions. I have travelled throughout Tonkin province (a reference to North Vietnam) and found that in that area people of all classes are imbued with the same spirit and determination as their leader."

In a dispatch to OSS after completion of the mission, Ho was described as C.M. Hoo. "Hoo was his code name. Later, when he became president of the provisional government of Vietnam (sic)... at Hanoi, he divulged his real name as Ho Chi Minh."

A Major Thomas reported during the first week of August, 1945, that "Mr. Hoo began rounding up 200 soldiers for us, out of which we were to pick the best 100" for American training.

Hearing of the impending Japanese surrender, the Vietnamese troops, with their American advisers, set out to attack the Japanese-held town of Thai Nguyen "to show the Japs how strong they were," Thomas recounted.

Afterwards, there were parades and celebrations. Thomas reported "the Vietnamese did everything to make our stay as pleasant as possible for us."

After the Japanese surrender, Ho sought to establish the authority of his government throughout Vietnam. He was also seeking to negotiate with the French for independence.

American policy was beginning to veer from an attitude of wartime sympathy for Ho and his cause toward full military support of the French. The admonitions of the OSS intelligence teams that the Vietnamese was primarily a nationalist movement went unheeded.

Ulster boy of 10 dies after mine blows legs off

BELFAST (AP). — A 10-year-old boy died in a Londonderry hospital yesterday after his legs were blown off in the explosion of a landmine apparently planted as an ambush for British troops.

Gordon Gallagher was playing with friends near his home in the Roman Catholic Craggan district of Londonderry, an Irish Republican Army stronghold.

Residents said the boy either stepped on the mine or tripped over wires attached to it. He was rushed to hospital for emergency surgery.

An army patrol which went to the scene was attacked by a crowd of 300 Catholics hurling bricks and bottles. Troops fired rubber bullets to disperse them.

The soldiers later defused another mine found in the same area. "Both mines clearly were planted by the I.R.A. as an ambush for our patrols," an army spokesman said. "It is a ghastly example of complete disregard for human life."

statements for use by the Communist media.

Aside from isolated incidents of what their guards called "punishment," the returnees said there was no "direct" attempt made to indoctrinate them. The Communists, however, regularly mustered prisoners to listen to English-language propaganda broadcasts and sometimes to attend lectures given by visiting political cadres whose main task was to keep the Communist flame burning in their own soldiers.

Airmen shot down over the North in the years up to 1969 tell of a Spartan but adequate life. Navy Commander Raymond Vohden, whose plane was downed in April 1965, said he got two meals a day of a loaf of bread, a bowl of pumpkin soup, green vegetables and now and again pork fat or a piece of chicken.

Air Force Col. Rozinson Riser said the food was "adequate... to maintain our health."

These are the images drawn from the little that has been said by a handful of returnees in public appearances carefully managed by the Pentagon. The detailed pictures, officials have said, will have to wait until the last of the American servicemen are home.

"So explosive would be the full story," said one prisoner, "that more graphic descriptions of their treatment could jeopardize the future liberation of American P.O.W.s."

"It will be a shock to the people of the U.S. when everyone is back and can tell it like it was," said Captain Mark Smith.

The stories of men in Southern prison camps disclosed widespread malaria and poor medical treatment.

The prisoners were kept in small wooden cages, the netting that was their only protection from swarms of malaria-carrying mosquitoes taken from them, said Army Capt. George Wanaat, who was held captive for 18 months.

One P.O.W., Army Sgt. Ken Wallingford, said he had been kept in a cage with a 3-m. chain locked to his ankle most of the 10 months of his internment.

The diet never varied: rice and bits of pork fat. Sometimes the prisoners would be treated to hard-to-come-by vegetables and on rare occasions pieces of meat from monkeys, elephants and tigers shot in the dark.

Some spent the time making straw brooms, a few became deeply religious and a small number composed

Egyptian M.E. moves

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liner affair coincided with assertions that Cairo would continue to pursue its policy of seeking a political settlement to the Middle East crisis.

The Egyptian position on the conflict was also yesterday by Foreign Minister Zayyat, to the Cairo-based Arab envoys. Zayyat emphasized that his country would make no territorial concessions or bargain on its sovereignty over its land.

The envoys appeared to have sought preliminary information on the outcome of the talks Mr. Ismail had over the weekend with President Nixon and State Department officials.

Egypt has so far refrained from commenting on the results of the Egyptian presidential advisers Washington talks. Cairo appeared to be waiting for the next move to come from the U.S. after Thursday's visit by Premier Golda Meir to Washington.

Meanwhile, Libya will this morning bury its nationals who were killed in the Libyan airliner crash. The burial will be held in Benghazi at a mass funeral in which members of Libya's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, possibly including Head of State Mu'ammer Gaddafi, will probably take part.

The bodies of the Libyan victims were flown in from Cairo's morgue yesterday. It is not known whether the bodies included all the 46 Libyans who lost their lives in the accident.

The Egyptian authorities yesterday reported that 43 of the 100 bodies which were transferred from Sinai across the Suez Canal on Friday remained unidentified. The police yesterday joined forensic experts in a bid to establish the identity of some bodies by means of fingerprints. Doctors said that 17 of the bodies were beyond recognition.

Of the 57 bodies identified in Cairo, 32 were said to have been Egyptians, 22 Libyans, two Syrians and one Lebanese.

Thirteen foreign envoys were summoned to the Libyan foreign ministry in Tripoli yesterday to hear the government's views on the plane crash, Tripoli Radio said.

It said Foreign Minister Mansour Kekiha met separately with the ambassadors of France, the Soviet Union, Spain, Britain, Italy and West Germany.

Foreign Under-Secretary Abdel Fattah el-Naas held separate meetings with the ambassadors of Pakistan, Greece, Venezuela and the envoys of Japan and East Germany, the radio said.

Later, both Kekiha and Naas met the ambassadors of Niger and Nigeria.

The two Libyan diplomats also conferred with Arab ambassadors in Tripoli, the radio said.

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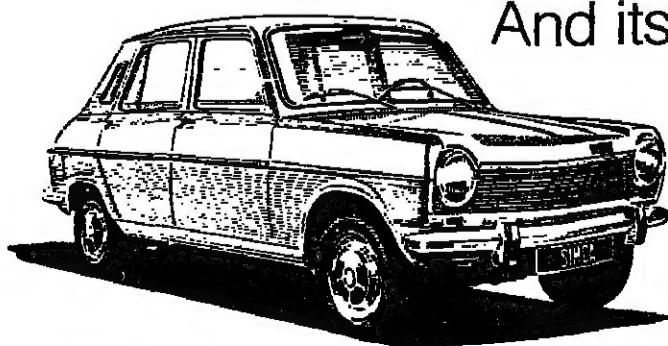
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Strike halts all French air travel

IS (AP). — Almost all commercial air service was shut down yesterday as military air controllers set up their organization place striking civilian control. They are scheduled to start striking air traffic today.

Of the rare planes to appear, French skies were a commercial from New York carrying U.S. Army General Kurt Waldheim, a flight from Geneva bringing the Foreign Minister Col Peng, and the international conference from Paris. They landed at the military field.

On the ground at Orly were a Panam 747 jumbo jet and a Russian Aeroflot Illyushin that had been caught by the sudden shutdown of the airport at noon on Saturday.

Russians eat better, U.N. study shows

ED NATIONS (AP). — A new study shows that Russians now eat as well as Americans, certainly much better than they did years ago before the Soviet shifted emphasis from industry to agriculture.

The study, on "The Realization of Economic and Social Rights," says that up to the 1950s Soviet food consumption was "must be described as average Russian ate only 29 grams of meat and fats a year, less than the average Bolivian Peruvian today, and his fish per capita was only seven to 10 kilograms."

In 1970, the average Russian was eating 55 kilograms of meat and 15.4 kilograms of fish, second only to the fishing people of Scandinavia, the Iberian Peninsula and the Pacific.

The study was only after the wholesale introduction of economic policy in the early 1960s that nutritional standards began to improve, the report says.

"The process quickly gained momentum and continued at a very fast rate. The standards now reached are described as proper for a citizen of the right to adequate food and average consumer."

The average citizen of an Eastern European Communist country still eats less meat and fat than the average citizen of a Western capitalist country. The ordinary Russian eats 55 kilograms of meat and 15.4 kilograms of fish, second only to the fishing people of Scandinavia, the Iberian Peninsula and the Pacific.

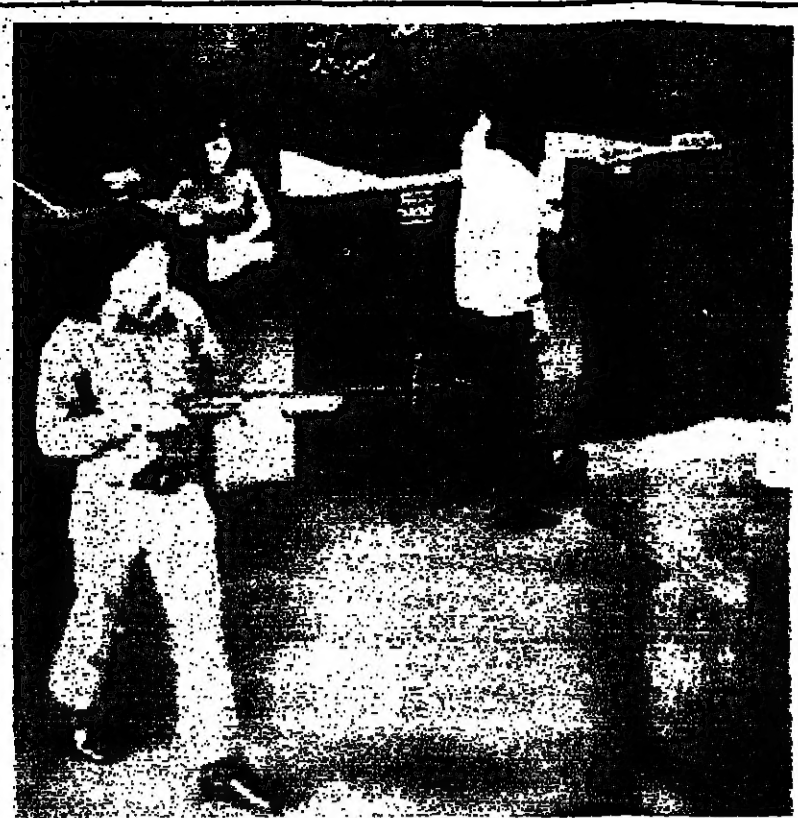
Iran diplomat beaten in Canada

OTTAWA (UPI). — An Iranian diplomat was beaten up early yesterday by four persons who dragged him from his car in suburban Hull, Quebec.

Aly Nouruzi, 35, secretary to the Iranian Ambassador, was reported in satisfactory condition at Ottawa's civil hospital. Hospital officials said he suffered head injuries and lacerations but his wounds did not appear to be serious.

Several of Mr. Nouruzi's friends, who were riding with him, were also beaten, but their injuries were minor, police said.

A police official said one suspect had been taken into custody, shortly after the 1:20 a.m. incident. He said the "beat-up" car was "cut off" by another vehicle and the occupants were "assaulted" by four suspects.



A hidden camera in a bank took this picture on Friday, moments before one of two bandits blasted both of the bank's cameras with a shotgun. Police said the two long-haired men walked into the bank in Marietta, Georgia, and shouted, "Okay, this is a hold-up. Everybody hit the floor." Note man on floor behind desk at right. The bandits fled with an unspecified amount of money. (AP radiophoto)

Turkish generals meet in presidential crisis

ANKARA (UPI). — Turkey's Chief of Staff, Gen. Faruk Gurler, and the entire Turkish military command yesterday flew to Adana for an emergency meeting on a growing presidential crisis, political sources said.

At the same time, three Turkish senators announced they were prepared to resign from the Senate to open a way for a presidential candidate who is not a member of the body. The political sources said the announcement could mean Gen. Gurler is preparing to run for the presidency himself.

Presidential elections have been scheduled in Turkey for March 13, but no candidates have yet been announced and the Turkish constitution stipulates the president must be a member of the Senate.

DEMIREL ABSENT

The sudden military meeting away from the capital also coincided with the absence of Justice Party leader and ex-President Süleyman Demirel, who left Ankara with his family for a holiday in Isparta.

Mr. Demirel, who was overthrown in a military coup on March 27, 1971, and has been at odds with the generals since, would have a major voice in giving Justice Party approval to any candidate.

Many political sources said veteran politician Bülent Ecevit, the 58-year-old "former" president, might be a possible compromise candidate acceptable to both the generals and Mr. Demirel.

British peer starts catering to masses

LONDON (AP). — Lord Salisbury, one of Britain's leading peers of the realm, is going into the catering business to help pay for the restoration of his family seat, Hatfield House, north of London.

Sources said Lord and Lady Salisbury will stage Elizabethan style banquets for tourists in the old palace at Hatfield, where Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in 1558. Feasting is due to start in June.

Lansky on trial today in Miami

MIAMI (UPI). — Meyer Lansky has been ordered to stand trial today on charges of contempt of a Federal grand jury, the Justice Department said.

Douglas McKillan, prosecutor and head of the Justice Department's Miami crime strike force, said Mr. Lansky was pronounced at to stand trial by court-appointed cardiologist Dr. Edward St. Mary.

The defense arguments, offered by Mr. Lansky's Miami attorney, E. David Rosen, concern the 1971 subpoena issued by a Miami Federal grand jury for Mr. Lansky to answer questions about his taxes and alleged links with underworld gambling figures.

Mr. Lansky also has tax cases pending in New York and Las Vegas, both of which have been delayed by his health.

He remains free on \$250,000 bail and an additional \$400,000 personal recognizance bond.

Mr. Lansky was arrested here on November 7 after a circuitous trip from Israel, in which half a dozen countries refused to grant him asylum. Suffering from heart trouble he was hospitalized a few days later.

50 Indians die of bootleg liquor

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Blast liquor killed 50 persons in the past 24 hours at Suripet town and its neighboring villages in the southern Andhra Pradesh state, officials in the state capital of Hyderabad said yesterday.

Suripet is located 120 kms. east of Hyderabad and 400 kms. from New Delhi.

Officials said the victims apparently got the illegal liquor from smugglers and unlicensed shops at Suripet. Hospital officials at Suripet said the first case of the liquor poisoning was reported on Saturday and soon after streams of people including 10 women poured into the hospital complaining of blindness and nausea.

They said they treated 400 liquor victims at the hospital's outdoor dispensary and admitted another 100 in the wards as serious cases.

Miles Davis on drug, weapons charges

NEW YORK (AP). — Jazz trumpeter Miles Davis has been freed in his own recognizance after being arrested on a felony weapons charge and a minor narcotics charge, police said on Saturday.

Police said neighbors in the Manhattan apartment house where Davis lives complained of noise on Friday night. Police said when they arrived they found Davis, 47, knocking loudly on doors. A woman with him, Jody Fisher, 23, had a red bag in her possession which contained a small-calibre pistol and three small packets of cocaine, police said.

Photo-finish seen in Irish Republic poll

DUBLIN (UPI). — Premier Jack Lynch is now in a neck-and-neck race against the combined opposition parties in Wednesday's general election, spokesmen for government and opposition parties agreed yesterday.

More than 1.7 million Irish will vote on Wednesday to elect a new 144-seat Dail (parliament), the 20th since independence.

Both government and opposition spokesmen said the early lead of Mr. Lynch's Fianna Fail party had been eroded in the campaign.

"It is wide open at the moment — it can go either way," a Fianna Fail party organizer said.

Initial attempts by government leaders to make Northern Ireland violence and national security central issues in the campaign were abandoned. Instead, the parties concentrated on bread-and-butter issues — high prices, unemployment and social welfare benefits.

"It looks like being a photo-finish," said a spokesman for Fine Gael, the main opposition party led by 56-year-old Liam Cosgrave. "We have made up ground fast — and it is neck-and-neck at the moment," he said.

In the outgoing parliament, Fine Gael held 89 seats against 67 for Fianna Fail and Labour, Independent

deputies, disident members who broke with Fianna Fail, held six seats, with two vacancies. Thus a shift of a few seats could decide the issue in Wednesday's polling.

Although there is no organized public opinion poll operating in the Republic, two private polls showed a swing of up to six per cent from the government. "If this is reflected in the polling, Mr. Lynch is out," a Fine Gael spokesman said.

But a Fianna Fail spokesman pointed out both polls had been taken before Mr. Lynch unveiled a sweeping tax concession programme, coupled with higher social benefits. In a pre-polling move, Mr. Lynch pledged his government would abolish property taxes on local dwellings and also increase social benefits for widows, the aged, and the unemployed.

The intervention of the Marxist-slanted official wing of the Irish Republican Army, which put 10 candidates into the field, appeared to have made little impact on the campaign.

Chile gov't to halt all unofficial rallies

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI). — The government said yesterday it will stop unauthorized demonstrations after next Sunday's crucial congressional elections. Seven persons have been shot dead, more than 100 injured and at least 900 arrested in incidents during the campaign.

The Interior Minister, Army Gen. Carlos Prats, said troops and police will disperse unauthorized public meetings immediately and take steps against anyone promoting disorder.

Prats issued detailed instructions to military and police officials in the government's intensified campaign to curb pre-electoral violence.

Chile's 4.5 million registered voters will elect all 150 deputies and two of 50 senators. Blind citizens, using special ballots, will vote for the first time in Chilean history.

The opposition at present controls both chambers but lacks the absolute majority required to impeach President Salvador Allende or at least override his vetoes.

Allende was inaugurated in November, 1970. The constitution prohibits him from serving a consecutive six-year term.

Prats, in his orders, suspended all firearms permits from 8 a.m. Friday to midnight Monday. He said a tough gun control law, passed earlier this year, would be strictly enforced.

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Visitor's Gallery: Lord Ritchie-Calder

ONE VERY BUSY LORD

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ritchie shoots off ideas like electrons dancing in an atom, takes one travelling around the world like a satellite, draws on the accumulated knowledge expressed in over 30 books by the world's best popular science writer since Julian Huxley, embellishes points from his experience as a cub reporter in Fleet Street and as Britain's Director of Political Warfare during World War II. I originally became friendly with him when he was handling press conferences at the First Rehovot Conference like Toscanini conducting an orchestra — neither before nor since have I attended such invigorating meetings.

Since then, he has travelled 2.5 million miles to see what impact science and technology are having on the developing world; he has become that most freakish of creatures, a Labour Lord; he has been appointed Professor (now

Emeritus) of International Relations at Edinburgh University, Professor of the same subject at Heriot-Watt University, and Senior Fellow in the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions in California, where he is officially resident at the moment. He thinks nothing of making a round trip of 13,000 miles to debate reform of criminal law in the Lords — he thinks he owes this to that cub reporter still locked inside him. A busy, busy lord indeed.

He describes himself as a professional optimist. "I'm a professor of international relations — which means I'm paid to be optimistic."

There is ground for optimism, he believes, in the results of President Nixon's trips to Peking and Moscow, the ending of the Vietnam War, the Salt talks, the intra-German meetings. He maintains that humanity has taken a long, tortuous road to get where it has — a lot of trouble would have been avoided if only Truman had told

Stalin all about the atom bomb at the Potsdam meeting in 1945.

Rehearsal for doomsday

"We should have given the Russians a copy of the Smythe Report," he declares. "It took a rehearsal for doomsday in Cuba to make men realize that the nuclear bomb is not a weapon of war. Now there can never be a nuclear war by policy, only by mistake. It would have been much better to have invited the Russians to enter the club right away. Technologically, war has become a travesty. It's like an eagle trying to kill a flea. Nuclear bombs can't beat determined guerrilla movements, where the guerrillas can just merge into the population."

Is not one of the great factors leading to the U.S.-U.S.S.R. accord the failure of Soviet agriculture, for which we must thank Lyenko and Stalin? Yet they have been dead a long time now — isn't it inexplicable that the Russians still

can't produce hybrid wheat and maize like the capitalists do?"

"Yes, we have a lot to thank Lyenko for in humbling the Soviets. But weather also enters into the picture — you must remember that God is very much a Tory. I wish I were better informed about why Russian agriculture is doing so badly."

President Nixon's diplomatic successes have coincided with the virtual elimination of the U.N. as a major factor in shaping human destiny. Ritchie was always one of the great believers in the international organization: does his optimism extend to it?

"The U.N. is certainly at its nadir, both politically and financially. But I think things will improve. Of course, you do get national interests considered before international needs — I believe you have to get nationalism before you get internationalism. But don't think only of the votes and the public speeches. A lot of very important work goes on behind the scenes. The U.N. is serving as a university for the statesmen of newly-liberated lands, who have to learn their craft. Things will get better, although slowly."

Great U.N. mistake

"It was a great mistake to put the U.N. in Manhattan. In 1946, America was the only country with the power and the money, and of course, Rockefeller donated the headquarters. But it made the U.N. a sort of American dependency."

Where should it have been sited? Geneva had had such a poor record with the League of Nations. "At the time I suggested an aircraft carrier. It could move around the world, picking up delegates and they could meet on the open sea."

"Just imagine," he went on, "what would have happened if a hijacker got all the world's leaders in one fell swoop. Good for the world? Bad? Who knows?"

Lord Ritchie-Calder is in Israel to deliver the Norman Bentwich Lectures at the Hebrew University. The first one tonight. One of his themes is the need for international action to deal with problems of the ocean bed space, the environment, the population explosion, problems way beyond the capacity of any single country.

"Consider how quickly we would react if 20 divisions of hungry Martians landed every day, determined to live off the land. But this is what the population explosion means. What are we going to do about it? That's the big question of the day."

Britons think sex freedom has gone 'far enough'

LONDON (AP). — Britons believe that sexual permissiveness has gone far enough, according to a public opinion poll announced yesterday. The findings of Opinion Research Centre were published as sources disclosed the government is preparing tough new laws to clamp down on displays of pornography on movie screens and in the street.

The informants said Home Secretary Robert Carr intends to outlaw private blue movie clubs and strictly control the showing of lurid pictures in shop windows or on street hoardings (billboards).

The poll published in the "Sunday Times" said 52 per cent of Britons thought the present moral climate in the country was just right. A third said Britain was too permissive.

Only six per cent of those questioned thought Britain was not permissive enough.

Majority views which emerged were that television should be "cleaned up," principally by reducing the incidence of swearing and blasphemy; that sex before marriage should be confined to engaged couples; and that pornographic literature should be sold only under the counter — it should not be publicly displayed.

The poll showed that nudity in movies, on stage, in newspapers or magazines aroused little censorious passion. But television viewers were almost equally divided on whether it should be allowed on the small screen in the home.

About one in five men favoured "sex for the fun of it," but 55 per cent of all those questioned said pre-marital sex was acceptable only if the couple were formally engaged — or being "really in love" were not sufficient reasons.

Thirty-three per cent upheld the view that couples should be virgins when they marry.

Dutch parties call for release of Trepper

AMSTERDAM (INA). — The chairmen of all Dutch parliamentary parties except the Communists, have sent a petition to the Polish ambassador in The Hague asking for an exit visa for former master spy Leopold Trepper.

The signatories have also appealed to Dutch Foreign Minister Norbert Schmelzer to "do his utmost" to aid in Trepper's emigration.

The petition was organized by the progressive party "Democrats 1966."

Prince Philip on nine-country hop

LONDON (AP). — Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, leaves today for a nine-country hop to Australia.

Buckingham Palace said the tour will take five weeks.

Prince Philip will visit Hungary, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia before arriving in Australia.

Ancient burial cave bulldozed

By ABRAHAM MARINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 2,000-year-old burial cave in Jerusalem's Ammunition Hill, served during the Six Day War as a Jordanian command post, has been bulldozed by the Municipality in order to provide access to a planned memorial to the battle which will include a replica of the hill which looked like a battlefield.

While Second Temple burial caves are not rare, there are no such caves in the hills around Jerusalem that played a role in the battle certainly is.

Ammunition Hill in northeast Jerusalem was the site of a fierce battle in the struggle for Jerusalem six years ago. Military observers have termed the fight on Ammunition Hill as the fiercest close-quarter battle of the entire Six Day War. The Jordanians had fortified the hill to prevent Israeli armored thrust through the adjoining wadi (now Eshkol Boulevard) to the Israeli enclave, Mount Scopus. The rocky cave, on the sheltered eastern slope, had several entrances and had been fitted by the Jordanians with air shafts in its roof to provide ventilation.

Following the war, it was decided to use the hill as a municipal park. The slopes were dug with grass and planted with trees. The trenches paved with gravel, reinforced with concrete.

The decision to build a memorial to a Municipal official says, was in conjunction with a committee's resenting parents of the Israeli soldiers who died in the battle. It has, however, been no public recognition of why it was coming necessary to destroy the cave, its unique historical interest, to provide an underground approach to the memorial building planned on the crest of the hill, which provides an ersatz version of the hill.

The Municipal official in charge of the project is Nehemia Oz, heads what is called the Cityscape Improvement Department. During the Six Day War, he commanded a reserve battalion in Jerusalem which included the Ammunition Hill. He referred questions on the memorial to his former commander in the war, Narkiss, who is heading a voluntary committee to raise funds for the project. He, in turn, referred questions on the destruction of the cave to the architects, Tel Aviv firm of Idelson and Zip. The architects have declined comment.

Crowds protect nude from the police

ACAPULCO, Mexico (UPI). Police on Friday nearly arrested a blue-eyed blonde with a daisy in her hair — but they couldn't through the crowd.

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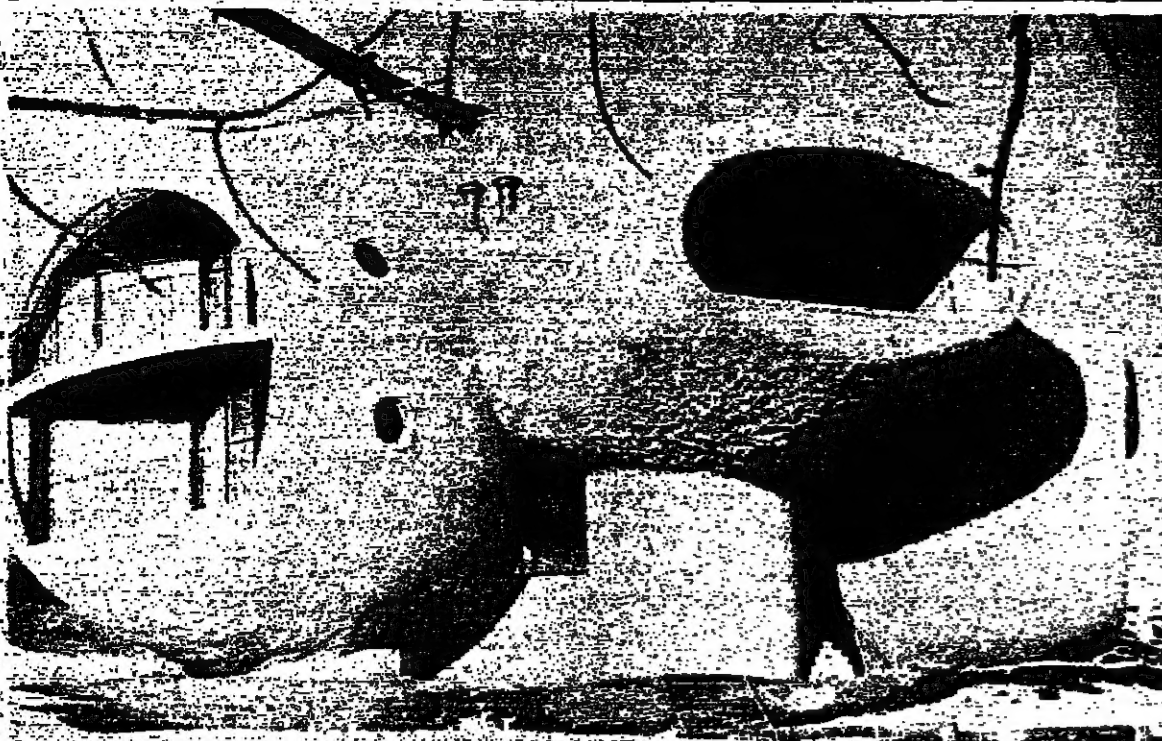
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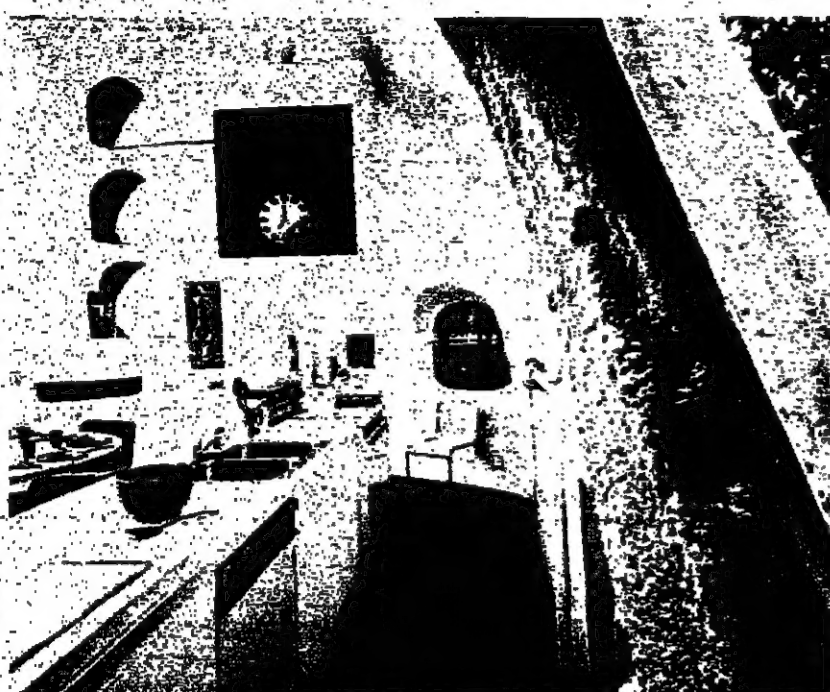
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Foam reshapes housing ideas

By PETER TONGE
A Science Monitor News Service
BOULDER, COLO. — At a glance it looks like something out of a Grimm brothers' tale. It's a series of domelike shapes that might well have been built by the designers that come out of the cream of the almost extinct Snow White school of architecture. Instead, real people live and love it — for this is the foam homes that are to dot the U.S. country.

Just few appeared some two years ago. Today there are approximately 100 of them — an unconventional and as yet unproven housing idea gaining in their appeal. They are made from an unusual structural material — polyurethane foam. And they are constructed in an equally unusual manner.

Builder hauls some overalls or plastic bags to the construction site and inflates them to the desired size. A strong office of the foam is then covered with a fine plastic webbing, target, and sprays on the foam. In a matter of a few minutes the balloons can be deflated and the interior work is timed, as with all home construction. That's where foam construction is not much speedier than conventional construction. But it is, and allows for great freedom and individuality in design. It is what architects such as University's Prof. Felix and Stan Nord Connolly of Iowa about it. They reveal in a way as a new art form, where, anything blown up must be, dome-shaped, or tubular, or in the term architects use, "other words, living in a foam is rather like setting up a well-lighted grove or till, it's great, say the few people who have tried it. It's too. It results in a new style of living, they say, provides what designers "quality space" in the in-



Currently foam-construction housing must be custom built. Shown here is a kitchen interior in a Boulder, Colorado home. (Christian Science Monitor)

a week or so he had the home on display he "could have sold 50 similar homes" to interested buyers. But most balked at the price. There are several reasons for this. Foam spraying is an art. Those few who can do it demand and get good salaries. Windows, doors, indeed all fittings, are designed for rectangular construction. Getting them to both fit and yet blend in with curvilinear surroundings can be time-consuming. Then, too, foam is 10 times as costly by weight as wood. Vastly greater quantities, it seems, must be consumed in the U.S. before its widespread manufacture will reduce the price to a comparable level.

Modular construction

Finally, the present stage of the foam-construction industry is such that foam homes must be custom built, an expensive process whatever the material. Still there is hope for the future. It lies in modular construction, contends Mr. Hoveland, who has begun experimenting to this end. The light weight of a finished foam-section, he says, makes transportation a relatively simple matter.

Professor Drury is working on designs for whole-room modules. As he sees it, completely finished rooms would be prefabricated, then shipped out to the building site and joined to form a complete house. One advantage: What started out as a modest cottage could readily be transformed into a major home by adding more rooms as and when the owner saw fit. Young marrieds could start small and expand the home as the family grows.

Such prefabrication could bring costs down to an acceptable \$16 a square foot, the architects contend. Foam's "cool in summer, warm in winter" properties can't be equalled. They are the reasons it was developed in the first place. They mean inexpensive heating costs. Here costs are working out at just one-tenth those of the average Boulder home.

Many architects believe the second-home market is where foam will take off, particularly with the growth of prefabrication. From there on it would readily move into suburbia, they think. But even without modular construction, architects like Mr. Connolly see a 10-fold increase in foam buildings over the next 10 years.

Yadlin calls on Kupat Holim to be competitive

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. The Histadrut's Kupat Holim will have to improve services and become competitive if it is to keep its members when the national health insurance act becomes law, Kupat Holim General Manager Asher Yadlin said here Friday.

The most urgent task is to improve ambulatory services in the clinics, which cast a shadow on the excellent hospital services, he said. Kupat Holim must find a way of overcoming the impoliteness and bureaucratization of the clerical staff and to discipline "doctors who leave the clinics at 11 or even 10.30 in the morning, instead of at 12.30 as they should."

Speaking at a Friday noon meeting in the Labour Council, Mr. Yadlin gave the example of one Kupat Holim hospital in which the director, anxious to aid new mothers, had come to an arrangement with a bank to pay National Insurance maternity grants when the mother leaves the hospital, instead of waiting three months until the Institute makes the payment. "The hospital was prepared to pay the few pounds interest, but the hospital clerks demanded extra pay for making out the cheques on the grounds that they would have to put in extra work."

Special back rub for Liz Taylor

SAO PAULO (AP). — Liz Taylor, said to be suffering from a spinal column ailment, has engaged Brazilian masseur Jose Luis Correa Campos to help cure her problem.

Mr. Campos left here on Saturday for a 10-day stay in New York City where he will give three massages to the famous actress.

He will be paid \$5,000 for his services, the AJP news agency reported. The masseur was said to believe Liz suffers a damaged lumbar area based on X-rays of the spinal area of the actress. He said Liz was referred to him by an American tourist, Max Kaufman, connected with the Hollywood film industry, who, suffering from a similar problem, was cured by two Campos massages.

SPOTTED MILK, NAIL IN CHEESE

Black spots in the milk, a nail in the cheese, feathered and embalm franks and rocky blintzes and pitta were among the offences that cost a number of food firms thousands of pounds in fines on Friday in the Tel Aviv and Haifa Magistrates' Courts.

Four dairies of Tel Aviv were fined a total of IL4,475 in the local court after black spots, flies, and an excessive bacteria count turned up in samples of its milk. The dairy denied charges that there were unsanitary conditions in its plant. Fined IL1,750 for a too-high bacteria count in samples of their milk were United Dairies of Ramat Gan, which were also convicted of unhygienic conditions in their plant.

The Hakoveish sausage works of Beal Brak was fined IL1,500 for feathers found in its product. Pebbles in one of their popicles cost Admir of Kiryat Malachi IL1,500, and the Dimenstein sausage firm was fined IL1,550 for using too much preservative.

In Haifa, the local Tnuva dairy was ordered to pay IL1,000 for a small nail found in some of its yellow cheese. Yad-Eli of Herzliya was fined IL400 for producing a frozen blintz that enclosed a rock, while the Avraham Cohen pitta bakery was fined the same amount for a marketing similarly equipped pitta.

Other fines were IL1,000 against Pardes-Natzarei Radar for mould in a bottle of Sunfresh grapefruit drink, and IL250 against Hazafon food packers for selling a sack of corn flour that contained three live grubs and an 8-cm. length of twine.



Yehuda Pri-Har, general director of the Montana paper plant in Nahariya, presents a donation of IL10,000 for Han, the Israel organization for handicapped children, to Mrs. Betty Dubiner, chairman of Han's executive, and to Mrs. Lea Kappaport (left), head of Han's public relations. The money was raised by Montana in conjunction with Paz gas stations, where hostesses sold "Tzatz Batz" paper tissues, with part of the proceeds going to Han. (Zion Yehuda-Hetz)

Stunt women are taking over risky roles in British films

By Ian Brown
LONDON (FWF). —

TODAY'S revealing fashions have given rise to a new type of cinema professional — stunt women. A decade ago, all the rough stuff on film was done by men — dressed in women's clothes, if necessary. But with today's accent on nudity, mini-skirts, bikinis and see-through blouses, men can no longer get away with it. Women have to be seen to be women.

The result is that a team of women has been built up on whom British studios can call to help out with tough scenes in films or on television. These girls are known in the business as "belle of the brawls" — and the accent is on belles. All of them are attractive women, without bulging biceps or extraordinary strength. The attributes which keep them so much in demand do not show. They need a sense of adventure, courage and the willingness to risk their pretty necks for the sake of celluloid art.

Gillian Adam, who did the stunts for Mary Ure in the film "Where Eagles Dare" — including a 70-foot drop into water from a moving cable car — says: "Stunting is no job for gamblers. We only accept

jobs we know we are competent to do. Every stunt is worked out very carefully. I wear padding whenever I can — though often in close-up shots you can't get away with it — and I practise falling properly."

But despite all her precautions, 29-year-old Gillian has had several near things. In the film "Witchfinder General" she had to be "burned alive" — and she almost was. Six gallons of petrol were poured on to a pile of faggots and set alight. The idea was that Gillian, wearing a harness, would be lowered briefly into the flames for one quick take. She was covered with fireproof cream and her hair was soaked with a special mixture. But as she was being lowered, there was a gust of wind and the flames shot up around her. Her eyelashes were burned right off and plastic blood stains began to boil on her skin. She was hauled away in the nick of time, but she still has burn scars from the experience.

ON DANGER LIST

Even worse was the time Gillian had to fight a man outside a moving train in the film "The Wrecking Crew." With the train travelling at 25 mph, a broken telephone wire caught her round the neck and

plucked her off. She hit a bank 30 feet below, breaking her shoulder blade, collar bone, six ribs and injuring her spine and lungs. She was on the danger list in hospital, but within a month was back in action.

Before going into stunting, Gillian was a private detective and taught modelling. She is also a director of a helicopter-hire firm. Ursula Andrews, Kim Novak and Monica Vitti are only three of the many stars for whom she has doubled.

Another belle of the brawl is Cyd Child, who doubled for Diana Rigg and Linda Thorsen in "The Avengers," the television series. Cyd used to work in a photographic library which processed the "Danger Man" television series. A friend told her that the fights in the show did not involve the stars but were done by stunt men.

As Cyd was a black belt in judo, she thought there might be more money in doing the rough stuff for stars rather than in processing their pictures. She was right.

And, as she points out, there's no slur on the courage of the stars in having doubles to do the fights. If stars so much as sprain an ankle it could hold up filming for several expensive weeks.

More human

it, most people brought up to the rectangular and square and do not take readily to error. Few, however, do not readily adjust to the fact that a more naturally human form, they contend.

Ann Crane, who lives in one corner of the foam houses, just loves it. The rooms, rather naturally, I feel beautiful here. To the Crane it is "fun" to live in. They are "fantastic houses," after is of the well-known cartoon.

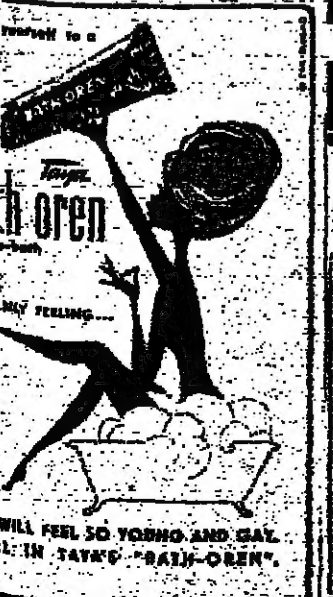
Mr. Hoveland, a builder in Minn., had more than a dozen to one of his early ones. "Children related to it," he says. So did most older visitors, apparently. In

ly losing its art

ures to int'l thieves

(AP). — Thieves are robbing of its time-honoured — its art patrimony. Some objects find their way to and a disaster," says a spokesman of the Bureau of Antiquities in Amman. The Ministry of Instruction, charged with the art and archaeological objects, very case the operation of national network of class operators is evident. year 5,843 art objects were including archaeological dating back to centuries Christ. Most of the stolen were religious paintings not guarded churches.

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UNWRA INDIGNATION

IN a letter published on this page the Commissioner-General for UNWRA, Mr. J. S. Rennie, indignantly rejects a reference made here some days ago, in connection with the raid on the Fatah training camps in Lebanon, that UNWRA has been "playing host to the Fatah."

The old UNWRA store now being used as part of the Fatah camp, he writes, was "seized by a Palestinian organization" together with other buildings in the camp, and UNWRA had reported the seizure and its failure to get the building back through the Lebanese Government. In any case, he argues, UNWRA only supplies services, it does not administer the camp.

In the past, when UNWRA was charged with permitting violent incidents in the schools it provides, answers and explanations were similar. The camp staff and the teachers were drawn from the camp population itself whenever possible, to provide employment, and if their political opinions were extremist, that was only to be expected. The employment of local staff was also the reason why UNWRA was powerless to check on deaths and withdrawal ration cards retained and used by the families, thereby allowing the nominal roll to swell far beyond the real numbers of residents. If any attempt had been made to interfere with such practices, it was said, there would merely have been friction and hostility towards UNWRA, which would ultimately have harmed the refugees.

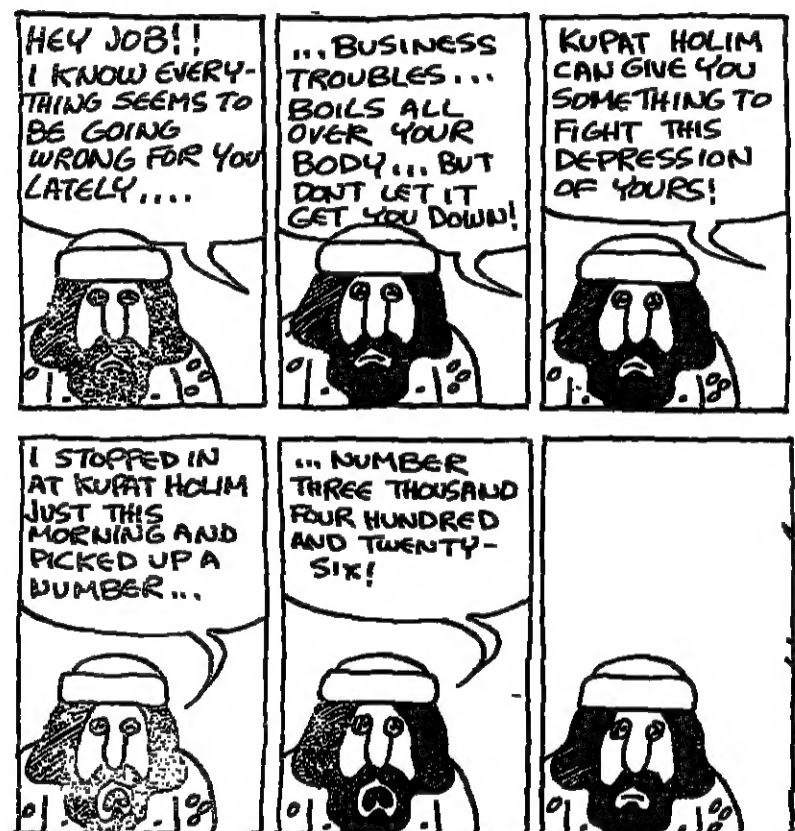
Less than six years have been sufficient to get a large proportion of the Gaza camp population out onto the normal labour market, enabling them to earn enough to improve their housing and in part move to new constructions. The same has happened in the West Bank. It will hardly be maintained by Mr.

Rennie that the camp populations were better disposed towards the Israel authorities than to UNWRA, which has aided them for 25 years, and that this is what made it possible for most of the able-bodied refugees to return to more or less normal living conditions. Israel knows and abhors the suffering and dangers of refugee camps. UNWRA seemed able to accept them as a permanent institution.

The unfortunate truth is that the U.N. and its representatives in the Middle East allowed themselves to be exploited for all these years by the political leadership of the Arab host states, which were determined to preserve the camps in idleness and stagnation, at whatever cost in human misery to the refugees. That UNWRA and the U.N. should have chosen to appease the politicians rather than help the refugees contributed not a little to the low state of morale in which the world body finds itself today. That they disregarded and tolerated the establishment of terrorist training centres in the heart of the refugee camps — part cowardice, part sympathy with the terrorists — alone made it possible for the terrorist groups to prepare themselves at leisure for their campaigns of murder and intimidation. From the camps, nourished by camp rations, came the murders at Lod and Munich, and probably also the sabotage which destroyed the Swissair plane on its way to Israel with the sole aim of killing the passengers it carried, and gloried afterwards in their success. It is not an impressive record.

Nobody suggests that UNWRA supplies the guns. But the political bias of its policies over the years has certainly nurtured the murderers who threaten not only Israelis, but the normal tenor of life in most of Europe.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

TRAGIC ERRORS

After the discovery of the Libyan plane's black box and the transcript of its tapes, the Israeli press yesterday reviewed the errors which led to the disaster.

Davar (Hizdard) writes: "Israel is not to blame for the suspicion — which was at the root of the incident — that it was a terrorist plane. The guilt lies with those who have hijacked civilian planes and murdered hostages, thereby giving rise to the suspicion... Except for completing the investigation, which depends on recovery of the wounded, Israel has done everything that had to be done consequent upon the tragedy. On the question of compensation to families of the victims, Israel can afford to be generous — as long as this does not involve shouldering the blame for the disaster."

Hatzofe (National Religious) says that "the black box's recordings reconstructed the flight as a chain of awesome errors, the combination of which led to the tragedy in Sinai."

Noting that the Egyptians have rejected the Defence Minister's proposal for a hot-line between the countries of the region, the paper deduces that Cairo's only intention is to make political capital out of disasters, rather than to prevent them.

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), suggests that the campaign of incitement — joined by certain Western European countries — is an expression of anti-Semitic feelings. "It might be better not to answer the fool in his folly. Those who do not wish for explanations, will not accept them even if Israel were to reiterate them a thousand and one times."

FOREIGN PRESS

China daily: Brutal act

China's official newspaper, People's Daily, said yesterday the downing of the Libyan airliner was "a brutal act seldom seen in international relations."

The newspaper said the incident "cannot but arouse the greatest indignation of and be severely condemned by the Arab people and fair-minded world public opinion."

The London Sunday Times wrote: "There is a basic assumption of which Israel and Zionists around the world have long been possessed, namely that for her cause the world must forgive everything. Elsewhere rough codes of morality are recognized, in principle if by no means

always in practice. Arabs, in particular, must always be ferociously condemned, and their legitimate interest in, for example, Palestinian refugees disregarded. But whatever Israel does must be exonerated because Israel is fighting for survival. Besides, it is a client state of the Western alliance... It is time for Western governments, especially Washington, to make rather more clear than they have been prepared to that this assumption enjoys little popular support. The destruction of the airliner should certainly be followed, as Britain quickly proposed, by an impartial international inquiry.

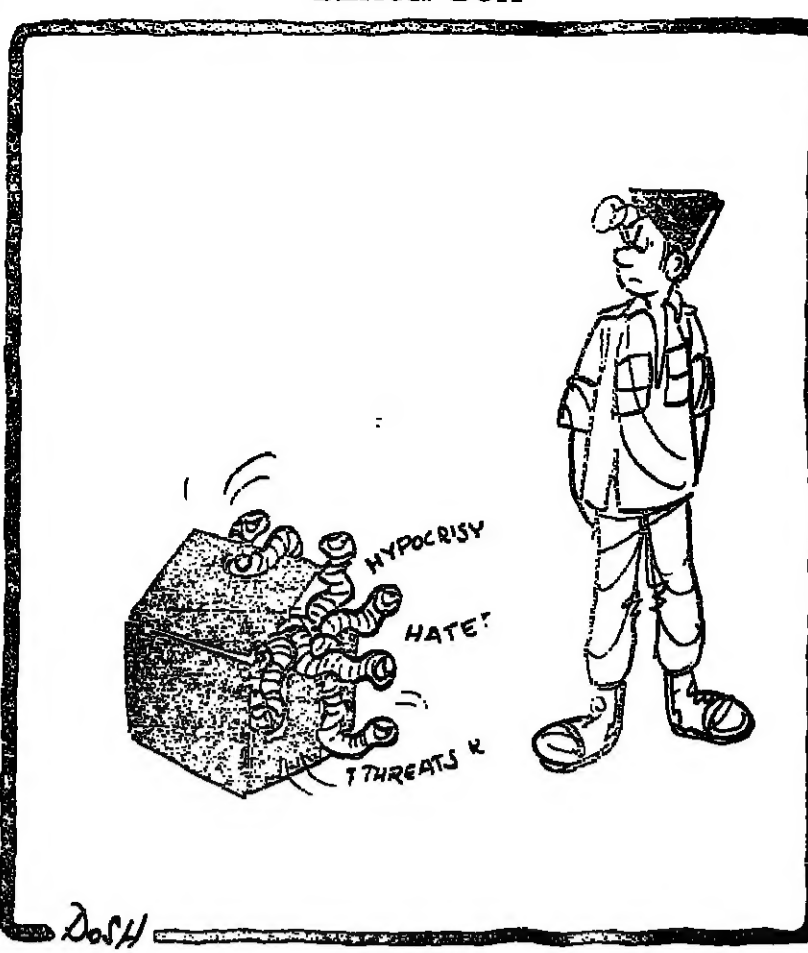
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SORROW YES, APOLOGIES NO

By EPHRAIM KISSON

THE enemy's spy-plane disguised as a passenger airliner, was downed while on a provocative flight over our lines at a depth of 180 km. from the Canal.

Yes, that's how they would have reported a similar incident. Along with the medals for the pilots and the mass jubilation. Not of course that that's any comfort to us. What would have been a joyful occasion to them is a terrible tragedy to us. And that small difference, rather than any technological superiority, is what counts. We aren't just so-sorry-it-happened. We really are sorry. It's not our style to cause the death of innocent people, it really isn't. Maybe we did blunder, maybe we really should have let that plane slip through. We have our doubts now, knowing what we know. We didn't during the first 10 minutes. What was it Golda said? We won't forgive them for making us callous.

We're like a driver who's run over a poor old woman. What more can he say? That she ran bang into his headlights, that she positively threw herself under his wheels? Who's going to listen to him? You killed a poor old woman and that's it. Even the black box hasn't done us any good. It's a lost cause. We were listening to the foreign broadcasting stations on the night of the disaster: "The Israelis downed a Libyan passenger plane," announced the B.B.C., "conclude as ever, 'One hundred killed.' Sounds rather good, eh? The Egyptians! Senator Fulbright feels profoundly elated. The French are clamouring furiously for their share in the post-mortem. Her Majesty's Cabinet has at long last found the government responsible for acts of terror. The State Department fears that the chances for a peaceful settlement in our area have diminished like, say, after the bombing raids in Vietnam."

Italy is going to free another couple of terrorists, and considerable satisfaction is felt by all. And we apologize. The O.C. Air Force and the Chief of Staff repeat over and over that we did, we did signal for 10 long minutes. Peres and Dayan and Galili explain that we acted in accordance with all the internationally accepted practices, that we're terribly jittery. It all seems a bit unnecessary. There's no need to convince us that our pilots beat over backwards to get the plane to land safely. We take it for granted even without inquiry commissions. And as for the international community — that is precisely what they're expecting of us: that we plead guilty.

Not ashamed

We feel deeply and genuinely sorry. It hurts more than we can say. But we are not prepared to feel ashamed of ourselves.

We are proud of our Air Force. And it isn't the planes we are proud of, but the young, engaging, human faces of our pilots. And we shake the hand of that sad man who, with a lump in his throat and a pain in his stomach, gave the order which it was his duty to give. Yes, we know, there is no harder, no more ungrateful job than the giving of such an order.

The world is bound to view us as we view ourselves, and if one apologizes, it figures one has done wrong. We should look straight into their blue eyes and tell them:

"As long as the war's still on, and an enemy aircraft penetrates our military areas, and it won't respond and won't obey and won't land, we shall fire on it again and down it again. Please note, Roger."

And please translate into French. Honest sorrow — yes, apologies — no.

Translated by Miriam Arad
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Readers' letters

UNRWA rebuttal

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Statements in the article on pages 1 and 2 of your issue of 22 February attributed to a Senior Staff Officer of the Ministry of Defence give a misleading impression of the role and responsibilities of UNWRA. Contrary to the Staff Officer's reported statement, refugee camps do not possess an extra-territorial status (and it is odd that a spokesman of the Ministry of Defence, which deals with UNWRA and refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza, should say they do). The status, origin and nature of these camps were described in some detail in paragraphs 55 to 57 of my report for 1970-71: UNWRA provides services in, rather than administers the camps, and it is well known that UNWRA has no police powers or responsibility for the maintenance of law and order in them.

The UNWRA store to which reference was made has not been under UNWRA's control since 1969 when it was seized by a Palestinian organization along with a number of other buildings in camps (most of them formerly used by the government representatives who left the camps at the time and all of them of minor importance); this seizure was reported at the time to the General Assembly, which has been kept regularly informed of UNWRA's unsuccessful efforts to recover them through the Government of Lebanon.

In the circumstances, to describe the United Nations as "playing host to Fatah" is to give a false impression of complicity.

As to the statement in your editorial about exploitation of the U.N.'s facilities and funds in the region for the wrong purposes, apart from the seizure of the buildings to which I have referred, no evidence to this effect has ever been produced.

J.S. RENNIE
Commissioner-General, UNWRA
Gaza, February 23.

Grateful Penfriend

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Saturday, January 20, I was very surprised to receive three letters from young people in Israel; in the week from January 21 to January 26, I received another three letters. Every writer reported he had seen my request for an Israel penfriend in your paper. It was several weeks earlier that I had written you and thought it would be impossible for you to publish my name and

address. I'm very happy to have now five penfriends in Israel (one had other interests and intentions than corresponding). Thank you so much.

SARA SCHOONDERBEEK
Veenendaal, Holland, February 6.
(The delay in publishing Miss Schoonderbeek's request was due to the long waiting list of penfriend requests we have on hand; these are treated on a strictly "first come, first served" basis. — Ed. J.P.)

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OPTIMISTS HOLD SWAY ON MEIR VISIT TO U.S.

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

MRS. Golda Meir's annual "pilgrimage" to Washington is naturally an occasion for Israeli officials and political observers to take stock of U.S.-Israel relations and make prognoses for the future by means of analyses of past and present. As Mrs. Meir sets forth today, most of our officials and observers are optimistic as never before. Soothsayers who prophesy dangers on the Calends of March are being dismissed as professional pessimists.

The shadow of the Libyan aircraft will, of course, hang over the trip and place Mrs. Meir on the defensive. In her public appearances and press encounters. She will not be able, as she would have wished, to present an untrammelled portrayal of a strong and tranquil Israel, in its 25th year of independence, forward-looking and searching for peace with its neighbours. Instead she will have to convince her audiences and interviewers that last week's tragedy was a bona fide error which does not symphonize a trigger-happy air force and stony-hearted government.

But Mrs. Meir will not let the incident overshadow her conversations with the President and his officials. And the American side too, Jerusalem is hoping, will not allow its shock and regret to cloud the issues which Mrs. Meir has come to discuss.

Optimism in the context of these issues means the belief that President Nixon and his advisers will press the Prime Minister with specific ideas of their own. They will, of course, urge her to be flexible and to do everything possible to reach a settlement. But they will not, the optimists anticipate, descend from the level of generalities which are objectionable to no one, to the level of specifics — 20 kilometres from the Canal, or 30 or 50 — where problems and differences would immediately arise.

Washington will continue to accept Israel's contention, the optimists further believe, that the most move is Egypt's because Jerusalem has responded favourably to the U.S. initiative for proximity talks on a partial settlement while Cairo has not.

First evaluations of Hafer Israel's visit to Washington on Friday indicate that it wrought no change in this situation. President Sadat's National Security Adviser described his talks with the President and the Secretary of State as "extensive and frank" — time-honoured phrases used to describe differences of opinion in diplomatic meetings. Israeli observers said yesterday that they had no reason to think that either the U.S. or Egypt had veered from its position.

They could not, however, rule out the possibility that President Nixon himself will tell Mrs. Meir of some new and hitherto unpublished change in Egyptian thinking. For instance, a new formula has been devised in Washington whereby both sides would agree to a partial Canal settlement "as an important step towards the fulfilment of Resolution 242" — nearly sidestepping Egypt's insistence on linkage between the partial settlement and an Israel commitment to total withdrawal, and Israel's refusal to commit itself to total withdrawal. Mr. Israel could conceivably have signified his agreement to this and Mr. Nixon will now transmit it to Mrs. Meir, with the challenge to Israel which it implies.

At any rate, the Israel visit to Washington will probably lead to more sustained contacts between the U.S. and Egypt, which the Americans hope will eventually lead to Egypt agreeing to proximity talks on a partial settlement based on some acceptable formulation.

Arms requests

Washington, moreover, will not reject Israel's latest arms and aid requests and will continue, say the optimists, to ensure Israel's military superiority in the Middle East.

There may be a delay of a few months until the new contracts are signed, but Washington will not — despite Mr. Israel's urgings — exploit the arms and aid requests as a lever with which to pressure Israel into political concessions. (The word "pressure" is taboo even among the pessimists.)

The optimists ground their sanguine hopes in a cold, logical assessment of U.S. policies and aspirations in the Middle East. The U.S. desires peace and stability in this region in order to safeguard two of its own vital interests:

- Its progress towards world-wide détente with the Eastern bloc.
- The future of its oil supplies from the Arab states.

The necessity of a settlement in the Middle East — from the American viewpoint — has been losing its burning urgency with each passing day since the cease-fire with Egypt came into force in August 1970. Israeli and Soviet personnel no longer face each other across the Canal or join in superheated battle above it. The peremptory removal of the bulk of the Soviet military mission from Egypt last summer further defused the situation.

This is not to say that Washington believes the cease-fire can last forever without further efforts by the parties to move toward some permanent arrangement. But Washington feels — say our optimists — that as long as some diplomatic activity is taking place, as long as the situation is not allowed to stagnate, Cairo will not resume the fighting.

For the same reason, our optimists explain, the U.S. has now dropped its insistence on its own plans for a settlement, as typified by the Rogers Plan

which Israel rejected. Washington may not have changed its views on future border arrangements but it has changed its attitude to its own blueprint. They have become less important and the accent now on getting the parties themselves to negotiate their own settlement.

Arguing that the unthinkable — the U.S. withdrawing vital arms supplies to wring concessions from Israel — is really unthinkable, the optimists reason that if Washington did not resort to this in 1969, at the height of the war of attrition, and at the height of the U.S.-Israel argument over the Rogers Plan — it will not do so today. In the present ongoing arms commitments, which are being scrupulously fulfilled, would presumably maintain the balance of power in Israel's favour for up to a year even if new supplies were suddenly halted. This deliberate generosity on the American part seems to show that any option of pressure on Israel through withholding arms has been abandoned.

As regards Washington's relations with the Arab world, the optimists point to the fact that two Arab states resumed diplomatic ties last year and other hinted that they would like to do so — and this despite U.S. support for Israel.

The pessimists, true to their bent, use many of these same arguments to warn that now is a time to expect at least some pressure from the State Department and the White House on Israel to draw closer to the U.S. and Egyptian positions on borders. During the war of attrition Israel was cast in the role of an embattled outpost of democracy — and as such could hardly be pressured into making political concessions to a Russian-supported Arab.

In U.S. interest

In fact, so long as 20,000 Soviet specialists are stationed in Egypt it was in the U.S. interest to foster a strong Israel. Now that the situation is eased, and the threat of a confrontation with Russians had been removed, Washington can afford to manoeuvre Jerusalem, by fair means or foul, in a position of greater flexibility, the pessimists argue.

Granted, say the pessimists, Washington has in the present debate on lifting arms supplies as a means of leverage — but this does not mean that it has abdicated from its intended role as peacekeeper. Washington has responded to all Israel's requests in the hope of guiding her by reason toward territorial concessions. But if it fails, the pressure can always be tried again.

The difficulty which many Israeli observers see when they analyse American policy is to see Israel and the Middle East, from a purely objective, American, Gentile viewpoint based on purely American interests and untainted by emotional or other ponderable considerations.

Most Israeli observers believe that, especially since 1967, the U.S. looks upon Israel as an impediment in the Middle East, a factor of concealed and proven military strength a country that can no longer be after itself militarily.

This last point is very significant, for, while sympathy for Israel in American public opinion is overwhelming, there would be little support — direct U.S. involvement on Israel's behalf should the need arise. In 1969 a poll asked the question: "Should the U.S. help Israel by sending military forces if Israel were invaded by Communist military forces?" — and only nine per cent of those interviewed answered that it should. The power of the Jewish vote and Jewish lobby influence on U.S. policy is a subject which has been much disputed, but it is clear that this, too, is a factor which an Administration cannot overlook.

Thirdly there is the element of the "morality" U.S. foreign policy which is often called into question when Israel is discussed. Israel is seen by Americans as a Western democratic country which is incumbent upon the U.S. to support if with men, then at least with money and materiel. "If our foreign policy is to have any moral derpidings," said Presidential candidate George McGovern, "we must not let that country, Israel, crumble. I say unequivocally that even if there were no Soviet presence in the Middle East we would morally be obligated to aid Israel."

This unwritten, but widely accepted American commitment to support Israel (though not necessarily Israel's conquests — a distinction which has been made) has reportedly made it harder to obtain an international fact of life. Remarking on the ultimatum would severely undermine U.S. credit throughout the world.

Also, to use the now unfashionable terminology of the Cold War, Israel is viewed as a "bulwark against Communism" — not quite as strategic or important as, say, Turkey or Greece, but still vital obstacle to the spread of Soviet imperialism through the entire East Mediterranean.

All these factors are inevitably taken into account in Washington when U.S. Middle East policy moulded because they are objectively valid, merely the figments of optimistic Israeli imaginations. Side by side with them are the very American interests in the Arab world: oil interests, strategic interests, trade interests and political interests. How Washington weighs these various interests will determine its Middle East policy in the years ahead. Mrs. Meir will argue that they are incompatible, that a strong Israel serves American and Western interests, and the interests of stability in the region and the world.

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